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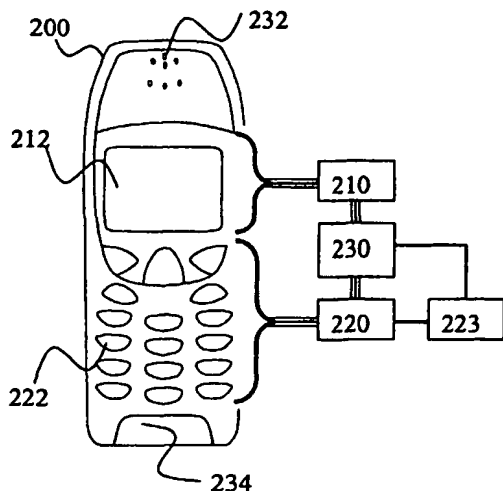
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(57) Abstract: There is disclosed a method and a device for of changing the input states of an electronic device, the device comprising input means and being capable of carrying out user operations, the input states comprising a locked state, where the use of the input means is significantly restricted, and an unlocked state, where the use of the input means is not restricted, the locked state being enterable by a locking input, and the unlocked state being enterable by an unlocking input, characterised in that the input states further comprise an intermediate unlocked state; which method comprises the steps of: - entering said intermediate unlocked state based on user input; - detecting the termination of a user operation in said intermediate unlocked state, the user operation being other than said locking input; and entering said locked state, in response to said detection. There is also provided an input controller, a keypad and a mobile electronic device implementing these features.

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